

Amendments to the Claims

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (new). A method for carrying out a survey of a plurality of participant communications devices, which comprises:

assigning only a respective one of the communications devices an exclusive transmission right to transmit at least one useful message during a given authorization period, on a basis of a specific request signal of the one communication device, and assigning the other participant communications devices only a reception right to receive at least one useful message during the given authorization period;

determining, with the one communications device authorized to transmit, a time response window for the survey of the participant communications devices, within which time response window the respective participant communications device is enabled to provide a respective response signal to the survey by transmitting the specific request signal at least once as the response signal for requesting the exclusive transmission right.

Claim 12 (new). The method according to claim 11, wherein the respective communications device is a device selected from the group consisting of a mobile communications device according to the UMTS standard or the GSM standard, a landline device according to the ISDN standard, and a computer unit connected to

the Internet and/or an intranet.

Claim 13 (new). The method according to claim 11, which comprises triggering the request signal for requesting the exclusive transmission right to transmit the useful message by actuation of a key on the communications device.

Claim 14 (new). The method according to claim 11, which comprises generating the response signal by actuating a respective key on the respective communications device during the time response window.

Claim 15 (new). The method according to claim 11, which comprises evaluating the respective response signal with an evaluation unit during the time response window.

Claim 16 (new). The method according to claim 15, wherein the evaluation unit is integrated in the communications device having authorization to transmit.

Claim 17 (new). The method according to claim 11, which comprises overwriting the response signal, provided by a communications device, with a following further response signal within the time response window.

Claim 18 (new). The method according to claim 11, which comprises selectively limiting or expanding a control and/or request function of the communications devices participating in the survey during the survey.

Claim 19 (new). A method for carrying out a survey of a plurality of participant communications devices, which comprises:

receiving a specific request signal for an exclusive transmission right from one communications device of the plurality of participant communications devices;

assigning the one communications device an exclusive transmission right to transmit a useful message during a given authorization period;

assigning the remaining participant communications devices only a reception right to receive a useful message during the given authorization period;

defining, with the one communications device, a time response window for receiving response signals from the participant communications devices; and

enabling a respective participant communications device to provide a response signal to the survey by transmitting the specific request signal at least once as the response signal for requesting the exclusive transmission right.

Claim 20 (new). A communications device with authorization to transmit for carrying out a survey of a plurality of participant communications devices, comprising:

a reception unit for receiving an exclusive transmission right to transmit at least one useful message during an authorization period, on the basis of a specific request signal thereof, while other participant communications devices can only be assigned a reception right to receive at least one useful message;

a processing unit connected to said reception unit for determining a time window during which each communications device participating in the survey is enabled to provide a respective response signal to the survey by transmitting, at least once, a specific request signal associated with the communications device for requesting the exclusive transmission right as the response signal; and

a transmission unit configured to transmit the response signal by sending, at least once, the specific request signal requesting an exclusive transmission right.

Claim 21 (new). A communications device authorized to receive for carrying out a survey of a plurality of participant communications devices, comprising a transmission unit for sending a response signal by sending, at least once, a specific request signal associated with the communications device to request an exclusive transmission right.

Claim 22 (new). The communications device according to claim 21 configured as one of the participant communications devices of claim 11.